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INTRODUCTION

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office Action of March 21, 2006, wherein claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for use of the term "substituted", under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) over WO 03/082997 ("Fan PCT") and over U.S. Patent No. 6,646,088 ("Fan US"), and for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-34 of Fan US, and was provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 24-27 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/957,355 ("Fan Application").

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